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NECESSITY OF ENDING THE ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL EMBARGO IMPOSED BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AGAINST CUBA

Letter dated 10 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the pleasure to transmit herewith a note addressed to you by the Reverend Raúl Suárez Ramos, Director of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Centre, which relates to the economic embargo imposed by the United States against Cuba and which, for that reason, I believe should be brought to the attention of the representatives of Member States (see annex).

Accordingly, I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex distributed as a document of the General Assembly.

(Signed) Ricardo ALARCÓN de QUESADA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 29 August 1991 from the Director of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Centre addressed to the Secretary-General

Considering the sacred mission entrusted to the United Nations by all peace- and justice-loving peoples, and that the Organization constitutes an international forum which can make possible a world of fraternal relations between nations, I am addressing you in my capacity as Director of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Centre.

For more than three decades, our people has suffered the consequences of the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by various Administrations of the United States Government. These measures, and the constant pressures which are exerted in order to impose a particular political point of view offend our Christian conscience and the ethical convictions which we hold as followers of Jesus Christ, Our Lord. There is no moral reason which justifies the violation of the rights of a country, however small it may be, because it has a different political system.

Expressing the general feeling of our evangelical people, we request that the question of these discriminatory measures should be considered by the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session and that the requisite steps should be taken to put an end to them.